

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 14 and 16-17 have been amended and claim 8 has been cancelled.

I. §112 Rejections:

Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 14-19 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. By this amendment, claims 1-4, 8-9, 14 and 16-17 have been amended for clarity. As such, Applicants believe that the §112 rejections have been resolved. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the Cross-Reference To Related Applications to update the information on the parent case. Applicants are uncertain as to the objection to Paragraph 017, as referenced in the Office Action. Applicant would agree to such a change, however it could not be located in the specification.

II. Allowed Subject Matter:

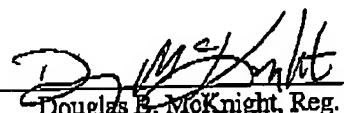
Claims 1-6 and 14-19 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under §112. Applicants have made the amendments to the claims to overcome the §112 rejections. Further, Claim 8 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 8. As such, Applicants believe that Claim 7 and its remaining dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion:

Based on the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant believes that all of the claims in this case are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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